

WEEKLY REPORT
Region 9
Environmental Protection Agency
Week of November 18, 2016
Superfund Division

Highlight of Past Week

Brownfields Technical Assistance for Jordan Downs Project (Los Angeles, CA): The Jordan Downs project in the Watts neighborhood of Los Angeles is one of the largest revitalization projects the City of LA's Housing Authority has undertaken in decades. The entire project encompasses about 120 acres. BRIDGE Housing, a long-standing partner of the Brownfields program, was selected as the master developer by the City and is working on the first phase of the project, which will replace 49 acres of distressed federal public housing with 250 units of new affordable housing, 120,000 square feet of retail, nearly two acres of park space and an expansive community center. The Brownfields program is partnering with BRIDGE Housing to discuss EPA technical support to analyze the benefits, both environmental and financially, for integrating a grey water system across the entire project. We are also coordinating with the Site Assessment program on nearby sites. (Contact: Noemi Emeric-Ford, x4-1821)

Brownfields Technical Assistance to Trust for Public Lands (Los Angeles, CA): The Brownfields program met and is considering providing reuse planning assistance to the Trust for Public Lands to help finalize the Los Angeles River & Aliso Creek Confluence Project that includes a walking path along the north bank of the Los Angeles River that will open up River access to the adjacent residential community. The project incorporates low impact design (LID) features, including permeable pavement, bioretention planters, and catch basins to capture, treat, and release flow to adjacent tree planters. Any water not used for irrigation will be released to the river. These design features, identified as best management practices (BMPs) in the L.A. River Revitalization Master Plan, will increase surface water quality and increase non-potable reuse of stormwater. The project will convert the area from a neglected and gated concrete barrier between neighborhoods into a vital thread that knits the community together and provides much-needed green infrastructure. (Contact: Noemi Emeric-Ford, x4-1821)

Brownfields Job Training-Tucson Urban League (Tucson, AZ): Brownfields staff met with the Tucson Urban League to discuss their \$200,000 Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grant. The funds will be used to train 60 residents and place 48 in environmental jobs from the oldest neighborhood in Pima County, Tucson's south side, which encompasses over 50 square miles. Participants will receive training in 40-hour Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response, Lead & Asbestos, Confined Space, Flagger, Commercial Driver's Licenses and Wastewater Treatment Operator training totaling over 400 hours of training. Pima Community College and Pima County One-Stop are assisting in the training, recruitment, screening and job placement. (Contact: Noemi Emeric-Ford, x4-1821)

Triple Site Offsite OU (Sunnyvale, CA): EPA's next community mailer is in progress to approximately 2,500 households, which includes a cover letter and our most recent fact sheet, summarizing the progress in the ongoing VI investigation. Last week, we delivered 1,000 copies (in English and Spanish) of an update for parents at [Personal Privacy (b) (7) (C)] about our planned mitigation system installations on campus. Three of these mitigation systems are at new school buildings currently under construction, and the fourth, which began construction this past Wednesday, is at an existing building [Personal Privacy (b) (7) (C)]

[Personal Privacy (b) (7) (C)] We are preparing an update for parents at the [Personal Privacy (b) (7) (C)] summarizing the recent successful installation of a mitigation system at one of their buildings (a stand-alone gymnasium). This week we are also mailing out a sampling reminder postcard (translated into multiple languages), reminding households of the upcoming winter sampling round. Finally, we are in discussions with the local Air District over recent elevated TCE levels we have measured in outdoor air (up to 1.9 ug/m3). According to the Air District, these levels are atypical for this area and may be indicative of a local point source using TCE in violation of State law. We are also working with the EPA Region 9 Lab to bring down the portable GC/MS Hapsite to the site in early December, to collect screening-level ambient outdoor air data. (Contact: Melanie Morash x2-3050 or Alejandro Diaz x2-3242)

Hunter Points Naval Shipyard, San Francisco, CA: On November 16, EPA attended the Bayview Hunters Point Environment Justice Response Task Force monthly meeting at the Southeast College. The EJ Task Force oversees complaints lodged by Bay View residents on the IVAN Network (Identifying Violations Affecting Neighborhoods) at www.bvhp-ivan.org. The agenda included the review of new complaints and assignments, PG&E update on power plant cleanup and issues, an upcoming press conference on "No Diesel Idling Signs, and ongoing community concerns about the Shipyard. (Contact: Jackie Lane, x2-3236 and Lily Lee, x7-4187)

Fruitland Magnesium Fire Site, Maywood, CA: OSC Musante is on site this week as solid waste removal activities continue in partnership with CalEPA CalRecycle. Hazardous waste removal activities, coordinated under the Region 9 ERRS contractor, have also begun and will continue through November 23. All work at the Site will cease between November 23 and 28 to accommodate the Thanksgiving holiday. The nearest neighboring resident family was temporarily relocated to a nearby hotel this week to minimize their disturbance from heavy equipment operations. (Contact: Jason Musante: 213-479-2120)

Selma Wells, Selma, CA: OSC Reiner oversaw installation of concrete slabs for planned Reverse Osmosis (RO) treatment systems at for 2 residences impacted by hexavalent chromium in drinking water wells. The RO units themselves are expected to be installed the week following Thanksgiving. DTSC is currently providing bottled water to impacted residents. (Contact: Chris Reiner, 415-971-6911)

Contra Costa County SPCC/FRP inspections: [Enforcement (b) (7) (A)]

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(Contact: Michele Rogow, 415-595-8347)

Sycamore Site, Hollywood, CA: OSC Wise conducted PRP oversight of soil excavation activities. Site owners have entered into a purchaser's agreement to remove contaminated soils from this Site. (Contact: Robert Wise, 562-733-0466)

Significant Items for Next Week

Press Stories, Significant Policy, Regulatory, or Legal Actions (2-3 weeks out)

Grant Announcements

Legislative Engagement

Travel, Training, Public/National Meetings, and Speaking Engagements

Outreach to Los Angeles County Department of Public Health: On November 16, Dan Meer, Sophia Serda, Craig Benson and Dan Stralka will meet with LAC DPH staff to exchange information on risk assessments, setting of action levels, cleanup levels and public health assessments. **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

(Contact: Dan Meer, x2-3132)

CAA 112R refinery training: From November 13 to 17, EPA region 9 hosted a five-day risk management program refinery training in the regional offices. Cynthia Steiner and Jeremy Deyoe were in attendance. In addition RMP inspectors from multiple EPA regions as well as Cal OSHA and several CUPA inspectors participated. (Contact: Kay Lawrence, x2-3039)

30-60 Day Outlook

Other Information

Anaconda Copper Mine Site (Lyon County, NV): The comment period for the proposed NPL listing of this site closed on November 8. We received a petition with 4,825 signatures supporting listing as well as 40 comment letters. **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

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(Contact: Eugenia Chow, x2-3160)

Brownfields to Affordable Housing (Sacramento, CA): EPA completed technical assistance to the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency to support redevelopment of a brownfield site into affordable housing. Located in Sacramento's Alkali Flat neighborhood and adjacent to transit, the new affordable housing will support lower-income households, transit ridership and reduce individual automobile trips/GHG emissions. (Contact: Nova Blazej, x2-3846)

Division Director Schedule: Internal Personnel (b) (2)

Internal to Region 9

Targeted Brownfields Assessment Brownbag: EPA staff delivered a brownbag presentation on our technical assistance program - [Targeted Brownfields Assessment](#). This program provides free property assessments and cleanup alternatives to government, tribal and nonprofit entities. The presentation highlighted specific projects and coordination with other Region 9 programs. The Brownfield Team accepts [applications](#) on a rolling basis and invites EPA staff to recommend sites for assessment. (Contact: Nova Blazej, x 2-3846)

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